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SUBJECT: U.S. ASYLUM REQUEST FOR MOZAMBICAN REFUGEES

REF: MBABANE A-6

1. UNHCR REP FOR SWAZILAND, GODFREY SABITI, HAS INFORMED ME THAT UNHCR HEADQUARTERS HAS ASKED HIM FOR STATUS REPORT ON ITS REQUEST FOR U.S. ASYLUM FOR MOZAMBICANS. UNHCR HEADQUARTERS REGARDS SABITI'S FEBRUARY 7 LETTER TO EMBASSY MBABANE (REFAIR) AS FORMAL REQUEST FOR ASYLUM.

2. (FYI, AS REPORTED MBABANE 1375, THREE MOZAMBICANS WERE RETURNED TO MAPUTO BY GOS POLICE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES NOT YET EXPLAINED. TWO OF THEM, JOAO BELO AND SOZINNO JAMMA SIAGA, WERE LISTED IN SABITI'S LETTER. THIS LEAVES SIX MOZAMBICANS FOR WHOM ASYLUM REQUEST IS STILL OUTSTANDING.)

3. I ASKED SABITI WHAT THE RESPONSE HAD BEEN TO REQUEST FOR MOZAMBICANS' ASYLUM IN BRAZIL OR PORTUGAL BUT HE SAID HE HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NO INFO. WHEN I PURSUED SUBJECT OF BRAZIL, HE SAID HE HAD GIVEN GOS THE ADDRESS OF BRAZILIAN EMBASSY IN SOUTH AFRICA AND HOPED GOS WOULD SUBMIT ASYLUM REQUEST THROUGH THAT EMBASSY; HE PRIVATELY DOUBTED THAT GOS HAD FOLLOWED THROUGH ON THIS.

4. WITH VIEW TO EASING RESETTLEMENT ADJUSTMENT OF THESE MOZAMBICANS, I SUGGEST UNCHR HEADQUARTERS BE PRESSED TO GET

DEFINITIVE REPLY ON ASYLUM REQUEST FROM PORTUGAL (WHERE SOME
OF THE MEN APPARENTLY HAVE FAMILY TIES) AND FROM BRAZIL
(WHERE THEY WOULD HAVE NO LANGUAGE PROBLEM) BEFORE WE
ACT ON QUESTION OF ASYLUM IN UNITED STATES.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CABLE
PROVIDING BASIS FOR AN EMBASSY REPLY TO UNHCR'S QUERY
TO SABITI RE STATUS REPORT ON ASYLUM REQUEST TO USG.
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